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BOYD DECRIES USFWS ASSESSMENT SUPPORTING REDUCED FLOWS IN AP

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Congressman Allen Boyd (D-North Florida) today decried the assessment by the

Today, the Corps of Engineers began reducing the water flows in the Apalachicola River to 4,750 cfs, ar

"Reducing water flows by millions of gallons every single day will be tantamount to a death sentence to the

Over the past 35 years, the state of Florida has been ahead of the game when it comes to water supply

"Our state should not have to pay the price for Georgia's lack of long term water planning," Boyd stated.

Since Georgia Governor Sonny Perdue asked the Army Corps of Engineers last month to reduce the mi

"The Apalachicola River and the Apalachicola Bay are critical to our economy, our environment, and the

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*A timeline of the Regional Water Supply Planning in Northwest Florida over the past 35 years is

Regional Water Supply Planning in Northwest Florida

Regional water supply planning efforts in northwest Florida have long focused on identifying and develop

Unlike Florida, Georgia has never moved beyond paper exercises and plans for meeting the current and

- 1972: Five water management districts were created by the Florida Legislature through passage of
- 1977: Water supply planning and development of water supply future needs begins in Okaloosa, V
- 1982: The first Regional Water Supply Development Plan for the NWFWMD was completed.
- 1997: The Florida Legislature amended the Florida Water Resources Act, directing the state's five
- 1998: In response, the NWFWMD established seven water supply planning regions and complete
- 2001: The NWFWMD completed the Water Supply Plan for Region II.
- 2003: The demand projections from the District-wide Water Supply Assessment were updated thr
- 2005: The Florida Legislature established the Water Protection and Sustainability Program Trust I
- 2006: The NWFWMD completed the first update of the Region II Regional Water Supply Plan.
- 2007: The NWFWMD completed a Water Supply Plan for Region V (Franklin and Gulf Counties).

^{*}Information provided by the Northwest Florida Water Management District.